Make me, O Lord, a child again

"Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."
(Matthew 18:3,4)

LET the disciples—yes, let everyone (note "whosoever")—then become like this child. Let them learn that the only way to ascend is to descend. [Does the reader] wish to become great? Then let [the reader] become little! [Does the reader] wish to rise? Then let [the reader] serve! Or, as a Dutch poem (*Te worden als een kindeke*), of which I here offer my free translation, has it:

Make me, O Lord, a child again,
So tender, frail, and small,
In self possessing nothing, and
In thee possessing All.

O Savior, make me small once more,
That downward I may grow,
And in this heart of mine restore
The faith of long ago.

With thee may I be crucified—
No longer *I* that lives—
O Savior, crush my sinful pride
By grace which pardon gives.

Make me, O Lord, a child again,
Obedient to thy call,
In self possessing nothing, and
In thee possessing All.

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SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

June 19th, 2022

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

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"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord [Jesus Christ], *which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."*

(Revelation 1:8)

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"Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:1-3) MY FRIEND, eternal life is attained singularly because the Father glorified the Son, so that the Son would glorify the Father; accordingly the Father has given all power and authority to His Son to give eternal life to as many as the Father had given to Him in the covenant of grace. And this eternal life never goes outside the covenant of God's grace. You see everything about the new covenant is encapsulated right here, and it's all settled in the most closed-fisted way. 'Close-fisted you say?' Well that's the way our Lord described it. When He spoke of giving eternal life, He said *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."* How closed-fisted is this salvation? Paul writes, *"For I am persuaded* [there's no doubt about this, how], *that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* AMEN!

WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

"…*saving* grace is *sovereign* grace…"

"I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy." (Exodus 33:19)

NOTHING can be greater evidence, that the carnal mind is enmity against God, than this: that those doctrines which bring the greatest glory to God, are such as are most displeasing to man. This is so generally true, that it looks as if mankind envied the Lord His peculiar glories and dignities, and were utterly averse to give Him the glory due to His name. A remarkable instance of this lies before us [when Moses said to Jehovah *"I beseech thee, shew me thy glory."*]. Moses desires the Lord to shew him His glory, and the Lord mentions this as one eminent branch of it; that "He would be gracious to whom He would be gracious," which words contain a sentiment, that is very disgustful to human nature in its present proud, deceived and depraved state. The doctrine raised from these words is this, that saving grace is sovereign grace… *"And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins… Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"* (Ephesians 2:1,5)

…Let me now advise you, to keep close to the Lord; and continually remember, that it is by this free grace alone you are saved, and wherein you stand. Never forget that distinguishing grace which has led you to this hope, and fixed you upon this foundation, as knowing that you never should have found it out, but by the special teachings of [His] word and Spirit, and knowing that you are still prone to depart from it. Love the Lord Jesus continually and ardently; because He is become your salvation; love the gospel because it reveals this Jesus to you; love the Father who laid this foundation in Zion. Honour the divine Spirit of truth and grace, who alone has shewn Christ by the gospel to your souls. Rejoice in the firmness of the foundation upon which your hope is placed. Behold how this free sovereign grace has, as it were, connected two eternities together; an eternity. past, with an eternity to come: how God has chosen you from everlasting to partake of a salvation that will extend to everlasting. Trace the footsteps of this grace from one eternity to another; in order to inflame your love, confirm your joy in the Lord; and to animate you to a perpetual readiness to do or suffer any thing for His sake: and still remember, that the design of all this grace, purposed and purchased for you, revealed and applied to you is, that you may be to the praise of God's glory. —SM